



America's future depends upon a highly skilled and educated workforce.

Since 1917 the federal government has continually invested in the development of our nation's youth and adults in the acquisition of skills necessary to be successful in the workforce by supporting career technical education. This ongoing investment directly impacts the employer community's productivity and the nation's ability to compete in the global economy. Our organization lends its name to this petition in order to express our strong support for career technical education and the federal government's continued investment in this system. Our support is based on our belief that career technical education:

- effectively partners with the employer community at the state and local levels and through career technical student organizations;
- prepares students at the secondary, postsecondary and adult levels with the necessary academic, technical and employability skills required to be successful in the workforce;
- contributes to and is vital to our nation's economic and national security; and
- is a leader in economic development, workforce development and education reform strategies.

A federal investment in career technical education is a wise and necessary investment in the future of our nation's students, workers and economy.

Do you agree with the resolution above?

If you do, we ask for just a few minutes of your time to help us demonstrate to Congress and the American public that our country's business community supports our nation's career technical education system.

Why do we need this resolution?

Too often we hear that businesses are not able to find the skilled workers that they need. The press is reporting that our nation's students are falling short in the core academic subjects when compared to their international counterparts. As the resolution states, we believe career technical education is a critical component of the total educational system. This resolution seeks to:

- Demonstrate to Congress and the public that the career technical education system is valued and supported by the business community;
- Express the business community's strong belief that career technical education prepares students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's economy; and
- Highlight the critical role that career technical education plays in our nation's economic and homeland security.

How will your support, company name and information be used?

By filling out the attached form, your organization is lending its support to the resolution. The contact information provided will remain confidential. We will compile an alphabetical listing of all companies that support the resolution. We will also provide additional information in aggregate form only. The information to be aggregated will be: number of employees, revenue, type of company and primary industry area. This information will help us demonstrate the variety and breadth of companies that support career technical education.

This resolution, accompanied by the alphabetical listing of companies and aggregated company profile information, will be unveiled at a press event scheduled for this Fall. The purpose of the press event is to showcase the value the business community places in the nation's career technical education system. Everyone who completes a support form will receive a copy of the final resolution, as well as related press materials.

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- ☐ Yes, add my organization's name to this effort to increase awareness and support of career technical education.

Contact: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Annual revenue (last fiscal year): _____

Would you categorize your organization as a... (check one)

- ☐ Small-sized Business (less than 25 employees) ☐ Medium-sized Business (25 to 100 employees) ☐ Large-sized Business (100+ employees)

What industry area is your organization's primary focus? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture and Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, AV/Technology and Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, Management and Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Law, Public Safety and Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Sales and Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government & Public Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Distribution and Logistics |



Return your completed form to: NASDCTEc, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 830, Washington, DC, 20001; fax: 202-737-1106 or via the web at www.careertech.org/petition.asp. Deadline: Friday, August 29, 2003

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